

## The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, the week of October 13 through 19, 2003, is National Food Bank Week; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Foodbank distributed more than four million pounds of food in 2002 for the third consecutive year and has distributed more than 35 million pounds of food since 1984 through its growing network of 220 agencies state wide; and

WHEREAS, food assistance became necessary and was provided at no cost to needy Idahoans more than 542,003 times in 2002, in increase of 8% from 2000; and

WHEREAS, comparable amounts of food purchased at wholesale would have cost the community more than \$6.9 million to care for needy children, senior citizens and families; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Foodbank is committed to nourishing children and has established a goal that no child in Idaho should go hungry; and

WHEREAS, The Idaho Foodbank's vast network of 12,300 volunteers who contributed more than 45,400 hours in 2002, an increase of 22% from 2001; and

WHEREAS, 89% percent of the Idaho Foodbank's budget goes directly to services; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Foodbank has worked diligently to make the most efficient use of its resources, including its collaborative efforts with Idaho corporations, a wide array of faith-based communities, and other non-profit corporations and the general citizenry in its ongoing efforts to reverse the problems of hunger in Idaho;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim October 13 through 19, 2003, to be

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in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this second day of October in the year of our Lord two-thousand and three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-eighth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fourteenth.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE GOVERNOR

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